



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luba COHEN

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For: Licorice Extract For Use As A
Medicament

Examiner: Deborah K. Ware

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Group Art Unit: 1651

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Commissioner for Patents
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

The following is a summary of an interview held at the USPTO on January 10, 2008 between Examiner Ware and Dr. Paul Fenster. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Dr. Fenster.

Examiner Ware and Dr. Fenster reviewed in detail the Vaya and Aviram declarations. These declarations support the contention that it would not have been obvious to make the replacement of extracts that was suggested by the Examiner in the previous action. The declarations point out in detail why a person of the art would not have made the substitutions specifying features of the extracts that make them non-analogous and who discourage and certainly not encourage a person of the art to substitute one for the other.

In the interview summary the Examiner indicated that the Examiner considers the declaration of Vaya to be persuasive and will consult with her supervisor and suggest that a patentability conference be conducted to come to a final determination of patentability.

In view of the above explanations and evidence, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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